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Dear Sirs/Madam,

I write to support H.B. 5398. My firm writes and implements Small Cities grants. Small Cities grants support the most vulnerable populations in Connecticut, including minorities, disabled, and importantly, elderly, but the program has inevitable limitations: 1) its housing rehab program currently caps projects at \$30,000 for single family and \$50,000 for multi-family; and 2) the program is only available in a modest number of towns statewide. Having the CHIF program available to complement limited Small Cities funding is an invaluable importance. The state has already recognized that aging in place is a practical and economical approach to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for the elderly. Providing further funding for CHIF makes good housing sense. It is the one of the most affordable methods for the state's goal of housing the most vulnerable of the elderly at reasonable cost.

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